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| Applicant: Yasuhiro TANAKA | |
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| Title: CENTER ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR, NONRECIPROCAL CIRCUIT DEVICE AND COMMUNICATION APPARATUS USING THE SAME | Examiner: S. Jones |

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Specification begin on page ____ of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings begin on page ____ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. An Appendix including the amended drawing figures is attached following page ____ of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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